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SUBJECT: SECRETARY CLINTON'S DECEMBER 12, 2011 MEETING WITH
IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTER ZEBARI; POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC JOINT
COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Classified by NEA A/S Jeffrey Feltman for Reasons 1.4 (b)
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2. (U) December 12, 2011; 1513; Washington, D.C., USA.

3. (U) Participants:

U.S.

The Secretary

Deputy Secretary Nides

Ambassador James Jeffrey, U.S. Ambassador to Iraq

General Lloyd Austin, Commander, United States Forces-Iraq

NEA Assistant Secretary Jeffrey Feltman

Ambassador Patricia Haslach, Iraq Transition Coordinator

NEA Deputy Assistant Secretary Barbara Leaf

John Desrocher, Iraq Office Director

Jason Davis, Iraq Political Affairs Director

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IRAQ

Hoshyar Zebari, Foreign Minister

Ambassador Samir Sumaida'ie, Ambassador of Iraq to the U.S.
Falih al-Fayyadh, National Security Advisor
Dr. Fadel Kadhum Al-Mukh, Legal Advisor to the Prime Minister
Dr. Jabir Habib Jabir, Advisor to the Prime Minister
Mowafak Maroki, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Iraq

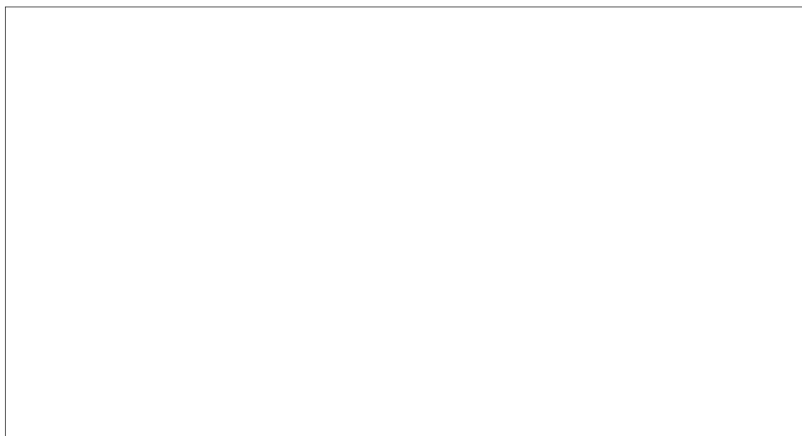
4. (S) SUMMARY. Secretary Clinton, on December 12, 2011, met with Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari to discuss U.S. and Iraq relations, Kuwait, Ashraf issues, and the need for GoI support for women and minorities in Iraq. Following the bilateral meeting, the Secretary and FM Zebari gave brief remarks to the press to open the Political and Diplomatic Joint Coordination Committee (JCC), which was then co-chaired by Deputy Secretary Nides and Zebari. [REDACTED]

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Transition and Arab League

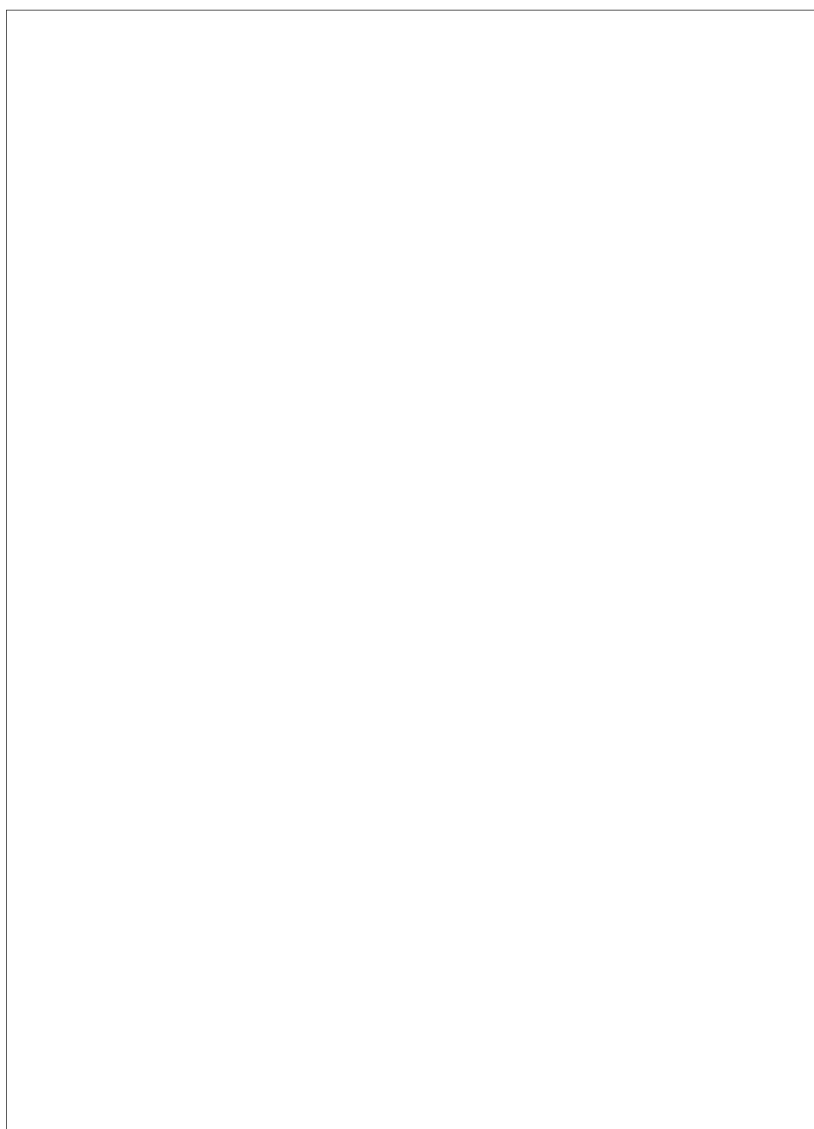
5. (SBU) The Secretary opened the bilateral meeting by thanking FM Zebari for the recent signing of the INL Police Development Program (PDP) agreement (a land use agreement covering a U.S. police training facility in Baghdad), and noting that it was now time to finalize all other agreements covering support for our diplomatic presence, including at the Baghdad airport, the three consulates, and other sites around Iraq related to foreign military sales training and assistance. FM Zebari said Iraq would need continued robust engagement with the United States going forward, and he thanked the Secretary for her commitment to the partnership. Other countries in the region were envious of Iraq in this regard.

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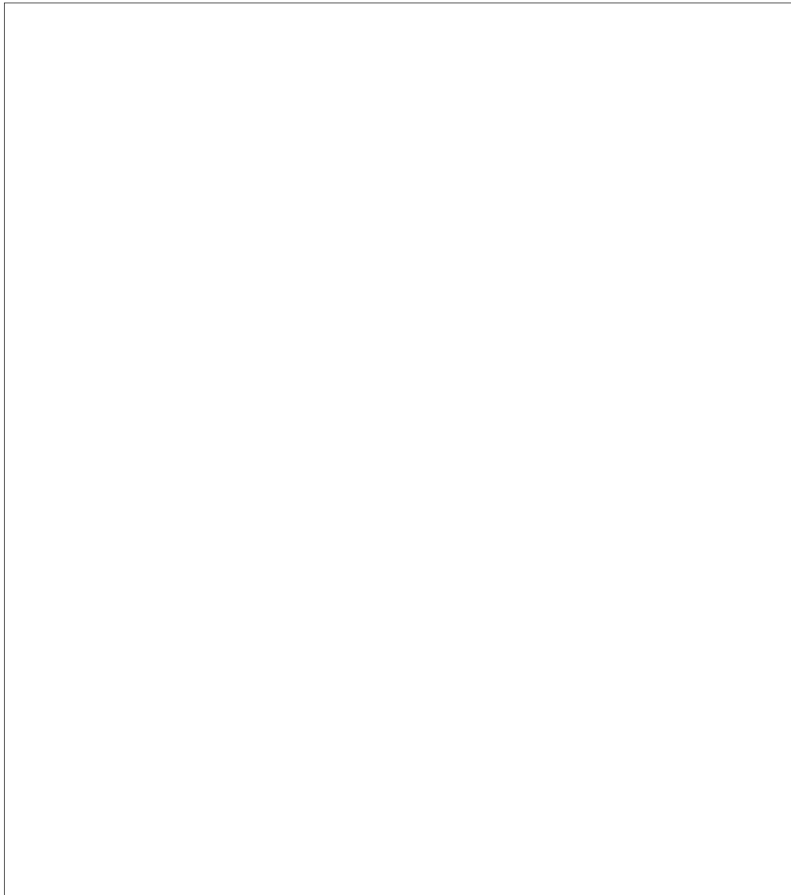


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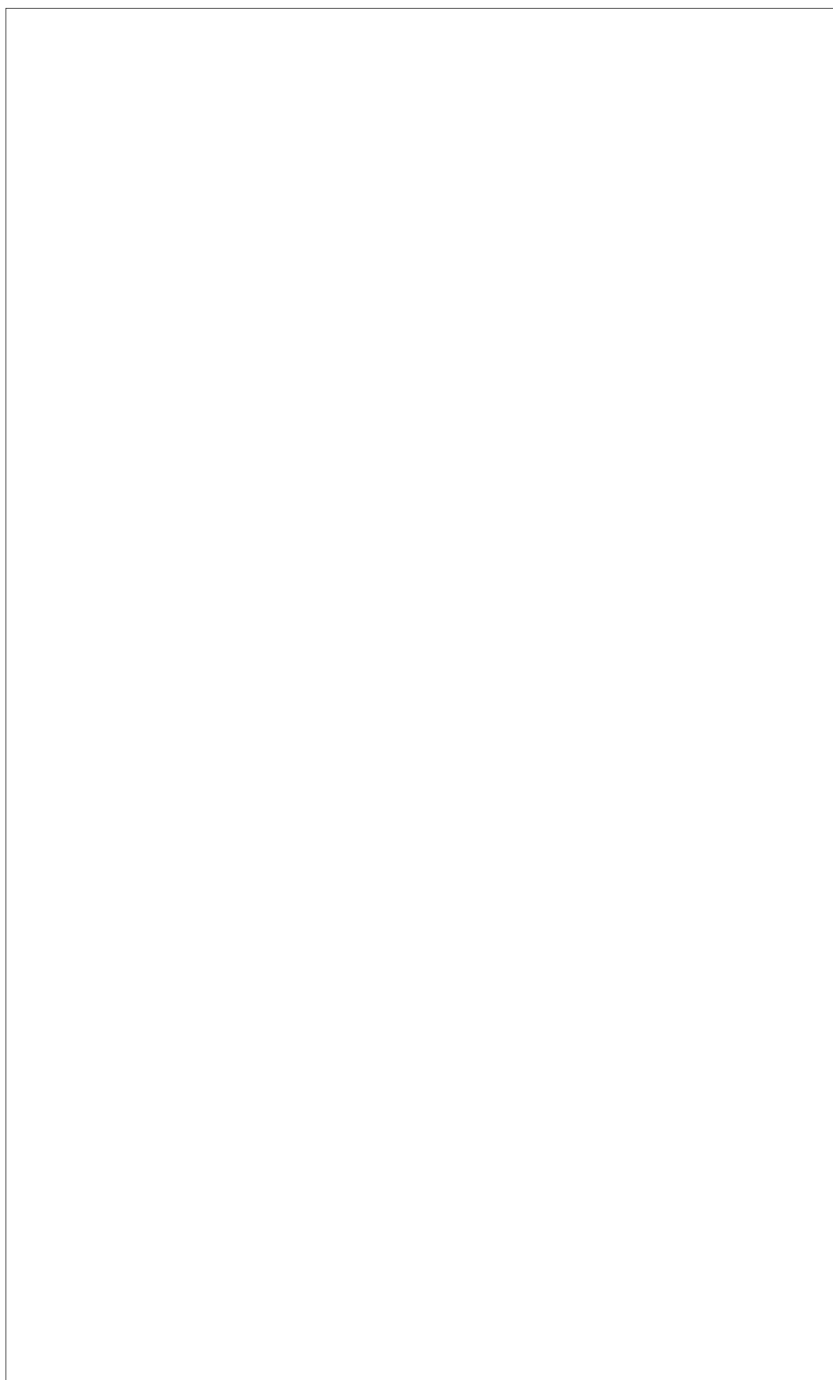
10. (U) Secretary Clinton and FM Zebari then concluded the bilateral meeting and gave brief remarks to the press to open the Political and Diplomatic JCC. The Secretary stated that the United States and Iraq were opening a new chapter, and that the Strategic Framework Agreement provided a strong roadmap for this partnership. FM Zebari assured the Secretary that Iraqis did not think that the U.S. withdrawal would diminish U.S. influence in Iraq and the region; the influence will simply take different forms as the civilian presence continues. He gave his assurances that the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad would continue to have a safe and secure environment to continue U.S. efforts to support Iraq, and reaffirmed the GOI's commitment to working closely with the United States to resolve remaining Chapter VII issues. The United States, he said, could "rest assured that Iraq will be an ally to the United States and a friend, and (is) also committed to (an) enduring partnership."

Civilian Presence and Transition

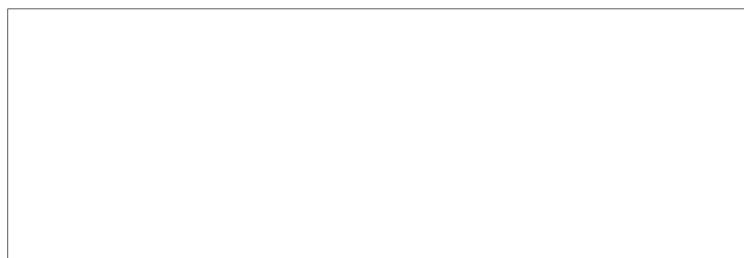


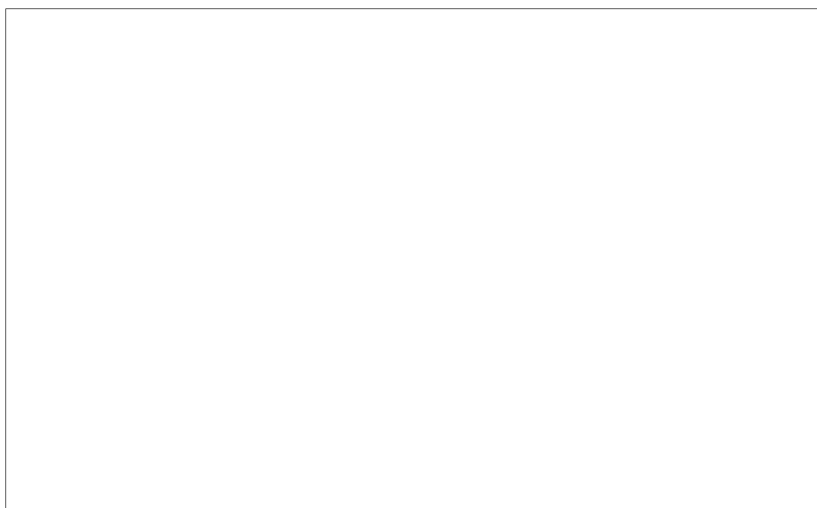
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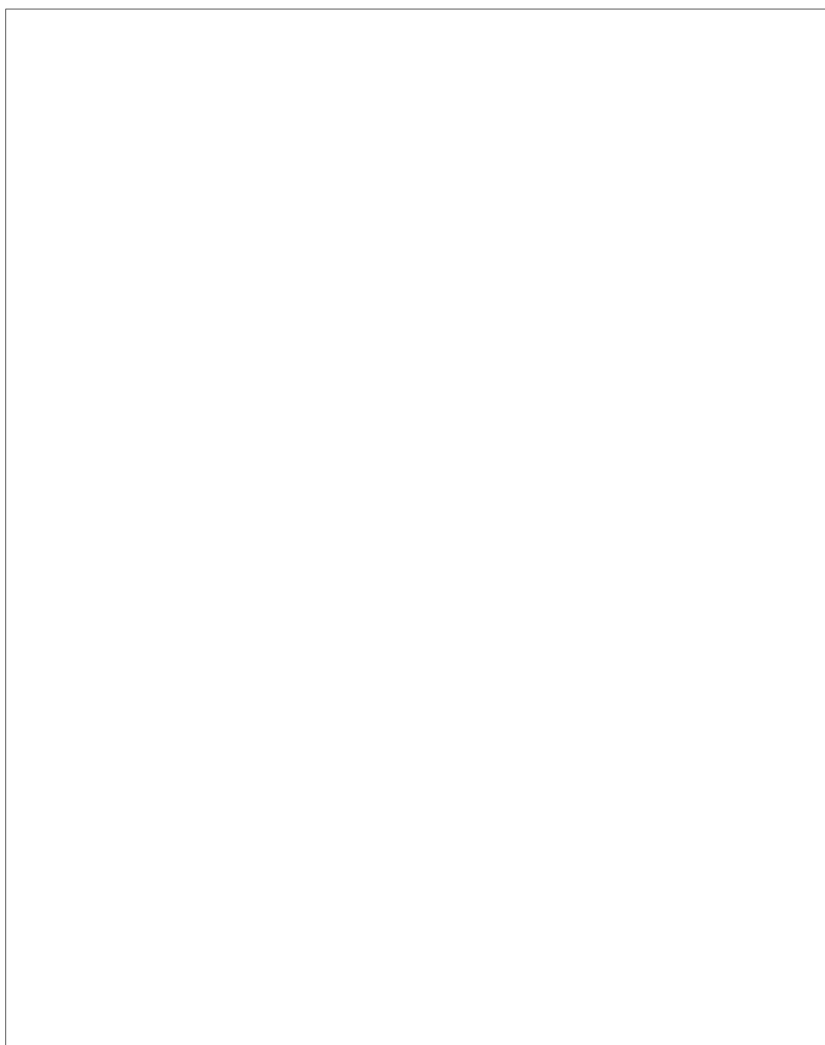


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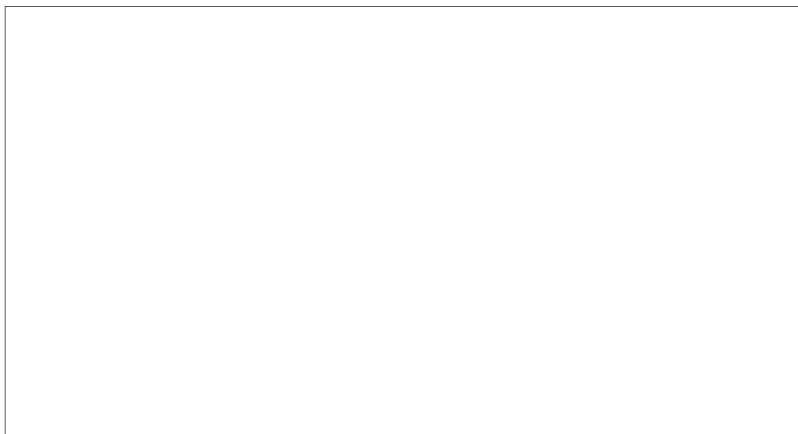


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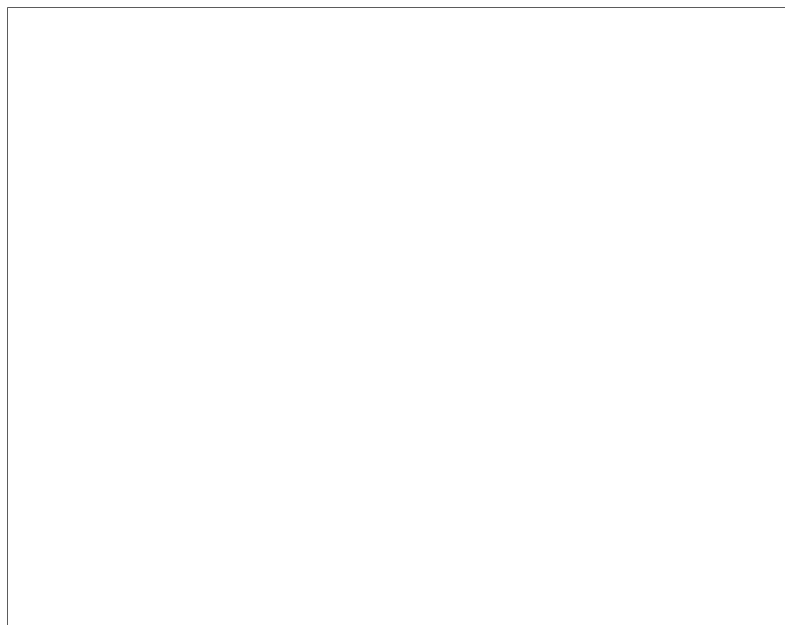
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